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TITLE: "METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING SHIPPING ORDERS FOR
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,699,258

AR "Information Based Indicia Program Postal Security Device
Specification," United States Postal Service Publication,
June 13, 1996

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references was identified and discussed at pages 1-4 of the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is thus in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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